

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of: Kubota et al.

Application No.: 09/678,953

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METHODS OF ISOLATING BIPOTENT

HEPATIC PROGENITOR CELLS

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111** 

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2002 (Paper No. 15), and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith is: (a) Exhibit A, a marked-up version of the claims showing the amendments made herein; and (b) Exhibit B, a copy of the claims that will be pending upon entry of the present amendments; and (c) Exhibit C, a Petition For Extension Of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)...

## **THE AMENDMENTS**

## Formalities:

Please change the Attorney Docket No. to "320727.50401."